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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

1. I CALLED ON PRIMIN LEBURTON BEFORE LEAVING THE COUNTRY AS IS MY CUSTOM. THE MAIN PART OF OUR CONVERSATION FOCUSED ON THE ENERGY PROBLEM. LEBURTON SAW NO HOPE THAT NUCLEAR POWER WOULD PROVIDE BELGIUM, WITHIN THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS, WITH SUFFICIENT ENERGY, NO DID HE SEE THAT COAL OR HYDRO-ELECTRICAL POWER WOULD FILL THE GAP. SINCE THE US WAS LIKELY TO PRE-EMPT ALL ENERGY SOURCES OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, THE ONLY SATISFACTORY POSSIBILITY IS FOR BELGIUM TO OBTAIN PETROLEUM FROM IRAN AND ALGERIA, THE MOST STABLE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST, AND NORTH AFRICA, RESPECTIVELY, WHICH USE THEIR REVENUE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, DEALS WITH THESE COUNTRIES WERE ONLY POSSIBLE FROM THE QTE WELL TO THE PUMP UNQTE AND THIS WAS THE BELGIAN APPROACH TO THE

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PROBLEM.

2. WE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS AND I STRESSED OUR HOPE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED EXPEDITIOUSLY. LEBURTON EXPRESSED BELGIAN SYMPATHY WITH US REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF EC POLICY REGARDING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, THE U.S. CANNOT TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR. LEBURTON EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING.

3. NOTE ON THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDY IN ZAIRE: LEBURTON ASKED ME TO SUPPLY HIM WITH KISSINGER'S NECESSITY OF CHOICE AND THE TROUBLED ALLIANCE, WHICH HE WILL FORWARD TO THE STN OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU. STRAUZ-HUPE

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